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SUMMARY. US AND SOV TEAMS MET FOR FULL DAY FEB. 6 TO REVIEW LOS ISSUES. LARGE MEASURE OF SUBSTANTIVE AND TACTICAL AGREEMENT EXISTS, ALTHOUGH SOVIETS ARE LESS CONCERNED ABOUT RAPID RESULTS OR, ULTIMATELY, DEEP SEABEDS THAN WE.
END SUMMARY.

1. PARTICIPANTS: US: JOHN NORTON MOORE, BERNARD OXMAN, ADM MORRIS, LEIGH RATINER, GEORGE TAFT, CDR DEROCHER: SOVIET: AMB KOLOSOVSKY AND MR. ROMANOV, AND CAPT NAVARENKO.

2. GENEVA SESSION: SOVIETS ARE INTERESTED IN MOVING FORWARD WITH NEGOTIATION, AND SUGGESTED NEGOTIATING COMITE II PACKAGE CONSISTING OF TERRITORIAL SEA, STRAITS, AND ECONOMIC ZONE ON WHICH BROAD SUPPORT COULD BE ACHIEVED. WHILE CONCERNED ABOUT
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ITEM VOTING, THEY WERE NOT NECESSARILY OPPOSED TO ADOPTION OF

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SUCH A PACKAGE BY A VOTE IF NECESSARY TO OVERCOME OBJECTIONS
OF A FEW EXTREMISTS LIKE PERU AND BRAZIL. WHILE NOT SUBJECT
TO THE SAME TYPE PRESSURES AS WE, AMB KOLOSOVSKY FELT
EFFECT OF UNILATERAL US ACTION WOULD BE BAD, CALLING DEEP
SEA MINING LEGISLATION A CATASTROPHE FOR THE CONFERENCE
THAT WOULD LEAD TO UNILATERAL TERRITORIAL SEA CLAIMS
AND CHAOS.

3. STRAITS: WE RESPONDED NEGATIVELY TO SOVIET TEXT ON GULF
OF BOTHNIA PROBLEM, NOTING POLITICAL DANGERS OF ENCLOSED
SEA IDEA. ALTERNATIVES WERE DISCUSSED AND WE TOOK OCCASION
TO EXPRESS STRONG OPPOSITION TO VARIETY OF OTHER STATES'
PROPOSALS ON ENCLOSED AND SEMI-ENCLOSED SEAS.

4. ECONOMIC ZONE AND CONTINENTAL SHELF: IN CONNECTION WITH
EVENSEN TEXTS ON INSTALLATIONS, SOVIETS AGREED THAT WE HAD TO
OPPOSE ALL ARMS CONTROL TEXTS IN LOS NEGOTIATION. SOVS ALSO
SUPPORT OUR APPROACH ON RESIDUAL RIGHTS. ON FISHERIES, THEY
WOULD LIKE TO TRY HARD TO RETAIN PRIORITIES IN CONNECTION WITH
FULL UTILIZATION. IN CONTRAST TO MOSCOW TALKS, THEY
DID NOT VOICE OBJECTION TO US PROPOSED SOLUTION TO
CONTINENTAL MARGIN ISSUES THAT INCLUDED REVENUE SHARING,
FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW PRESUMABLY BEYOND 200 MILES.

5. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH: SOVIETS ARE CONSIDERING SOME
MODERATION OF THEIR STAND ON DISCRETIONARY CONSENT REGIME
FOR CONTINENTAL SHELF RESEARCH, BUT STILL SEEM VERY
SENSITIVE ON THIS AND OTHER SHELF-RELATED
ISSUES, EG. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT REGARDING SHELF RESEARCH.

6. POLLUTION: WHILE PARTIALLY RECONCILED TO PORT-STATE
JURISDICTION, THEY ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO COASTAL STATE
JURISDICTION, ALTHOUGH ON ENFORCEMENT THIS MAY BE TACTICAL
TO SOME EXTENT.

7. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT: SOVIETS SAID THEY FAVORED FUNCTIONAL
RATHER THAN COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH, AND CONFIRMED SUPPORT FOR
DISPUTE SETTLEMENT ON DEEP SEABEDS AND FISHERIES. WHEN PRESSED,
THEY SAID THEY OPPOSED DISPUTE SETTLEMENT ON CONTINENTAL
SHELF, BUT INDICATED THEY MIGHT ACCEPT IT ON NAVIGATION
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ISSUES WITH WARSHIP EXEMPTION, AND COULD REGARD ISSUE
OF INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER USES BY SHELF ACTIVITIES
AS A NAVIGATION ISSUE.

8. DEEP SEABEDS: GENERAL SOVIET REACTION WAS RELAXED.
IT APPEARS THEY DO NOT WANT COMITE I TO OUTPACE COMITE II,
BUT DO NOT RPT NOT SEEM OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT ULTIMATE
COMITE I RESULT PROVIDED PRIVATE COMPANIES' RIGHTS

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